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Littleton Tazewell

Mission Director



Littleton Tazewell has served as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission Director since July 15, 2008. In this position he directs a portfolio that works with the Panamanian people to improve democracy and governance, strengthening civil society, protect the environment, and expand opportunities to bring the benefits of trade to all.

A career foreign service officer, Mr. Tazewell comes to Panama from a posting as the Regional Legal Advisor for the USAID Mission for Central Asia, which he joined in August 2005. In that position he provided a range of legal services in support of USAID's offices in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Mr. Tazewell's previous posts include serving as the USAID Regional Legal Advisor for the Central America Program covering USAID missions in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama (2002-2005), and as an attorney adviser in USAID/Washington for the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau and the African Bureau (2000-2003).

Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Mr. Tazewell taught International Trade Law at the Catholic University in Quito, Ecuador while working with a US law firm (1997-2000). Prior to living in Ecuador, he served as a corporate transactional lawyer in New Haven, Connecticut (1993-96). As a corporate attorney, Mr. Tazewell specialized in project finance, environmental issues, and affordable housing.

Littleton Tazewell also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal (1985-87).

Mr. Tazewell received his Juris Doctorate from the College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law, where he received the George Wythe Award for Public Service. He was selected as the Drapers Scholar from the College of William and Mary and completed a Masters of Laws Degree in International Trade and Development at the Queen Mary and Westfield College of the University of London. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Theater Arts from Virginia Tech.

Mr. Tazewell is married to Mary Carol and has two children, a daughter, Page and a son, Henry. They are residents of Virginia.